

Exhibit A

Certification under Guidelines

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

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In re: THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, as representative of THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, <i>et al.</i> , Debtors. ¹	PROMESA Title III No. 17 BK 3283-LTS (Jointly Administered)
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In re: THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, as representative of THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO, Debtor.	PROMESA Title III Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS This Application relates only to ERS and shall be filed in the Lead Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS and ERS's Title III Case (Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS)
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER GUIDELINES
FOR FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS IN
RESPECT OF FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF PROSKAUER ROSE
LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT
OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT
AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
DEBTOR, THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
PUERTO RICO, FOR THE PERIOD MAY 21, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747). (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

Pursuant to the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the “Guidelines”), together with the Local Rule 2016-1, the undersigned, a Partner of the firm Proskauer Rose LLP (“Proskauer”), attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”) as representative of the Employees Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico (the “Debtor”), pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”),² hereby certifies with respect to Proskauer’s first interim application for allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred with respect to the Debtor’s Title III case, dated December 15, 2017 (the “Application”),³ for the period from May 21, 2017 through and including September 30, 2017 (the “Compensation Period”) as follows:

1. I am the professional designated by Proskauer in respect of compliance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016-1.

2. I make this certification in support of the Application for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period in accordance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016-1.

3. In respect of the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016-1, I certify that:

- a. I have read the Application;
- b. to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the fees and disbursements sought fall within the Guidelines;

² PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

³ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Application.

- c. except to the extent that fees or disbursements are prohibited by the Guidelines, the fees and disbursements sought are billed at rates in accordance with practices customarily employed by Proskauer and generally accepted by Proskauer's clients; and
- d. in providing a reimbursable service, Proskauer does not make a profit on that service, where the service is performed by Proskauer in house or through a third party.

4. I certify that Proskauer has previously provided monthly statements of Proskauer's fees and disbursements by filing and serving monthly statements in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined in the Application), except that completing reasonable and necessary internal accounting and review procedures may have, at times, precluded filing fee statements within the time periods specified in the Order.

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Dated: December 15, 2017
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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